

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.

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ABRAHAM AND THE STRANGERS

Text.—All the Nations of the Earth Shall Be Blessed in Him.—Gen. 18:18.

F. J. Lee

As Abraham sat in his tent door one day probably at the noon hour, his attention was attracted by the approaching of three men, he arose and ran to meet them and bowed himself to the ground. He also ordered that water be brought to wash their feet, and while they rest he has food prepared for them.

It appears that Abraham had a disposition to be good and to do good unto all men. He did not ask those men of their names and perhaps he did not recognize them as being heavenly messengers, else he perhaps would not have offered them water to bathe their feet, and food to eat, yet he doubtless recognized them as being great men or men of extraordinary rank.

Illustration. "Eastern people have a proverb that 'Every stranger is an invited guest.' True hospitality according to this proverb consists not only of sharing one's home with friends but in entertaining therein strangers, and it is no half-way hospitality that is extended, as another Eastern proverb shows—'The guest while in the house is lord.' The high crime and misdemeanor of the town, declares a missionary who has lived among the black people of Africa, 'is to dine alone—their very word for 'criminal' has the meaning, 'Mr. Eat alone'."

Again we will say Abraham's disposition was to bless humanity. There isn't any wonder that the announcement was made to him that all the nations of the earth should be blessed in him. First he was to become a great nation. He became the father of the Jewish nation which took its place among the nations and wielded a great influence over them. Also his name signifies that he was not only the father of the Jewish nation, but of many nations.

The text says, "nations shall be blessed in him." His very life and example has been a great incentive to the inhabitants of this world. The Lord said that Abraham would command his family before him. This being the case we can see how Abraham could bless the nations, his life, his example and precept as given to his family and proclaimed by them has blessed the peoples of the world, even down to this day.

The Father of the Faithful.

The Jews looked on him as their father, they referred to him as "father Abraham", that very thought was an incentive to them to do right and to be genuine upright citizens.

We also find that he is a blessing to the nations in a spiritual sense. I am confident that if it was not for the righteous people who now dwell in the world God would wind up the business of this world and the wicked would go to their doom. "Only he who now letteth (hindereth) will let (hinder), until he be taken out of the way." Then the Lord will destroy the wicked one's armies with the brightness of His coming. (2 Thes. 2:7, 8.)

The Christian is the salt of the earth so said Jesus, and I am sure that if it was not for the salt the whole world would soon be in putrefaction. Isaiah said From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no

soundness.—Isa. 1:6. Then who is the author of these special favors to the world. The text says "In him shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Now we can begin to see how Abraham blessed the nations, first he was the father of the great and wonderful family who furnished the lineage in which came Jesus the fulfillment of the promise made to him. The eyes of the nations being turned toward Jesus, trusting in and following Him may receive untold blessings. While all nations may feel the effects or influence of this promise, tens of thousands have come in direct contact with Him and become especially blessed.

If we are of faith, then according to the above Scripture we are children of Abraham, and we therefore should be just as faithful as our father in blessing other people.

Three Heavenly Messengers.

Abraham the representative of the entire faithful race received a witness from three heavenly messengers that he would be a blessing to all the nations. He referred to the spokesman as being the Lord. He perhaps would have called each of them Lord if he had addressed any one of them individually.

Now in order to be a real blessing to many people we must also receive the heavenly messengers, do I say messengers? Yes there should be a visit to our lives by a heavenly messenger who shall convict us of our sins after which, if we repent of our sins we may realize perfect pardon and justification from sin, then when we become a little more acquainted with him, He appears as another messenger not as the former to convict of sin, but He comes with the blood to apply to our soul. After this He comes into our life and takes complete control, He directs our mind until it is said we have the mind of Christ. The thought is we have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. Other words the three messengers.

Abraham received the witness that Sodom would be destroyed. His love for the people made him intercede for them, but they had passed beyond redemption.

Every person who has met the three heavenly messengers has found within him that desire to help humanity. They have been made to groan in the spirit for the lost and fallen world. Many may escape if we continue to intercede. Some escaped from doomed Sodom. The angel said to Lot, "Escape for your life." This same message is going forth to men who dwell in Sodom (the doomed sinful world) "Escape for your life." Many have escaped to the mount of God's holiness and are shouting from the top of the mountain.

The angel insisted that Lot stay not at Zoar (little experience) but go to the place of safety, which is true less.

THE TRAIN'S LOUD CALL

Pearl Adams

The train is whistling a lonesome call In the distance far away. It calls me to the harvest fields— Of souls for eternals day.

My heart is stirred by a love divine, I'd go to the fields so white— To glean the precious golden grain, Ere falls the dense black night.

Each time I hear the whistling train, Whether I'm here or there— Across the plain or city mart, I breathe a silent prayer—

That I may go and faithful be, To the call and truth that's given, A call from God that I should go And lead lost souls to heaven.

Clouds hang low, the winter's blast Is hovering very near. My heart swells now I long to go, I weep a silent tear.

O, then great One of the harvest white Speed my faltering feet To haste away through winter's cold, Or summer's scorching heat.

Each time the train's lonesome call Rings out I seem to see— A friend I had on the gospel field A tried true friend to me.

Hand in hand we worked with speed, But one day he said good bye— He left me for the last long home Prepared by God on high.

So now 'tis lonely, the train's sad call, I oft must go alone, But I shall labor with my might Till my work on earth is done.

As a Train Stopped in Front of a Saloon

before which a man was struggling with another, beastly drunk, trying to get him to go home, one of the Pullman car passengers remarked: "The rum business is about the rottenest going. If a man gets money out of it, he more than pays the price. Every dollar is covered with slime and tears and blood." A wholesale liquor dealer across the aisle straightened up and defended the traffic. He called the other man a crank, and accused him of talking about something he did not understand, as the people who sing psalms and go to church always do. The first speaker smiled a quizzical smile and said quietly: "If I don't know what the rum business is, I'd like to know who does. I know it top and bottom, inside and out. I have been in it for twenty years, and am now running three saloons in Chicago."—Cavan.

If You Want to Teach a Child

That Heaven Is His Home, that God is his Father, that Christ is his brother, that the ties which bind the world are family ties, you must begin by purifying the original ideas. You must make the thought of home endearing, the name of father sacred, the sense of brotherhood protective, the relationship of the family divine.—George Matheron.

PERILOUS TIMES

J. B. Ellis

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Tim. 3:1. That we are living in a day of peril cannot be denied by any fair thinking mind. Selfishness, covetousness, pride and pleasure seeking has a grip on humanity that is alarming.

I have before me now, a Dec. 12, 1925 issue of the Atlanta Constitution. A lengthy article titled: A Thirst Sound Challenge to All Christian Sects. It states that in New York, a militant institution has just been granted a certificate of incorporation, waging war on Christianity. They propose to launch a destructive agency against all religion, especially the Christian religion. They openly declare their purpose to stop religious worship of a verbal Idol and make man the supreme ruler of all.

If this is not the principal upon which the man of sin will operate, what does it lack? They propose to send organizers all over the world and declare that unlimited means and money will back their efforts.

You may begin to look for the appearance of the Antichrist right, Antichrist means, no Christ, no God, no religion. It means exalting man above all that is called God. Showing himself off that he is God, that is, he is the product of human developments.

According to the accepted chronology we are now on borrowed time according to the present reckoning of time. The times of the Gentiles have expired. I am looking for some wonderful things to take place in the next few years.

There is no time to waste. The night of tribulation is approaching when no man can work. Let every minister become actively engaged in hastening the coming of the Lord. Let every member of the Church put on the whole armour, that they may be able to stand in the evil day. Would you like for Jesus to come and catch you off your guard? Would you be willing for Him to come and find you with his tithes in your hands, while your pastor was having to labor with his hands to provide for his wife and babies? You can't afford to be found in this shape.

Shouting and Shining For Jesus

EUPORA, Miss.—I am praising God today for what He is to me. He wonderfully saved me from sin and sinning. Some of the saints are shouting and shining for Jesus. Praise His name.

Some have seen the light on the Church of God and are standing for it, so I am praising God for a few more witnesses for the Lord.

Pray for the colored saints at this place.

Yours for His Church, Leo Cooper, Bx. 38, Haynes, Ark.

THE CANCELLED DEBT

He gave me back the bond; It was a heavy debt; And, as He gave, He smiled, and said, "Thou wilt not Me forget."

He gave me back the bond— The seal was torn away; And, as He gave, He smiled, and said, "Think thou of Me alway."

That bond I still will keep, Although it cancelled be; It tells me what I owe to Him Who paid the debt for me.

I look on it and smile; I look again and weep: This record of His love to me Forever will I keep.

A bond it is no more; But it shall ever tell That all I owed was fully paid. By my Emmanuel.

—Selected.

"Be Not Deceived"

J. W. Culpepper

It seems to me if there ever was a time when this text should appeal to the people, it is now when deception is abroad in the land. Surely the Gentile apostle with an eye of faith looked down to the twentieth century and saw some things that would take place in our day.

I believe, as long as we will be obedient that we will not be deceived, but when we let something sway us from our duty we welcome evil. Rom. 1:28. As they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to practice the twenty-three evils. One of these evils is deceit.

Deut. 11:16. Take heed that your heart be not deceived. As long as mother Eve was content to obey the voice of the Lord, things moved along nicely, but when she let Satan make her believe the taste of the forbidden fruit would make her wise, her heart was deceived.

It seems to be the failing of the human families to see their mistakes too late. No doubt, (Continued on page 2.)

its bosom whatever has been lying back stiff, stark and immovable. The nerve of affection is there, the only chord within us whose vibrations are able to break the silence of the soul and fill its chambers with sweet resonance. Those who love with purity consider not the gift of the lover, but the love of the giver. Remember the gift of God to this world.

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NOTICES

Come to Dedication Service

I praise Jesus for salvation and for adding me to the great Church of God. We have had a hard struggle but are now coming on top.

The Lord has opened the way for us to have a place in which to worship. We have bought over an acre of land and a school house for our church. We intend to dedicate it to the Lord the second Saturday night and Sunday, May 9.

We invite the saints everywhere to come. Any one desiring to come, may go to Obion station, go from there to Troy on a bus, then get on another bus at Troy and go to McAnnar to Yellow Hammer Crossing.

You are invited.

P. F. Graves,
R. 1, Troy, Tenn.

Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School Convention for the Birmingham district will convene at Carbon Hill, Ala., on Saturday night, May 29 and will continue over Sunday May 30. Dinner on the ground.

All schools are requested to be represented by superintendents, teachers, pupils and pastors as far as possible. The Carbon Hill people say they will entertain all who will come.

Our overseer, J. B. Ellis is to be present. Good speakers will be there for the occasion. Come expecting a good time.

C. Dodd,
W. El Raney,
P. F. Fritz.
Committee.

CORRECTION

In the orphanage report of the Apr. 24 issue of the Evangel, was, David J. Goude, Columbia, S. C., \$9.04; should have read, S. S. Columbia, S. C., \$9.04.

I would like to know if there are any Church of God people in Fayetteville, North Carolina. I would like to hear from some. I would also like to know if they have meeting there as I would

people at Orlando, Fla. My heart goes out in gratitude and praise for the great work the young converts are doing. Some are really standing firm and true.

They are holding cottage prayer meetings each Friday night from place to place and God is blessing the babes in Christ. Sinners are being saved, backsliders reclaimed, souls are really getting blessed. God is smiling on these young men and women and accepting every effort they put forth. We are expecting great things of God.

We have large crowds every service and the rain doesn't stop them. It is enough to be proud of; only boasting in Jesus. He is worthy to be praised for He has done so much for us here.

Our good shepherd, Brother Farmer, is so good to the young people. He is at most every service with them to encourage them on in the good work. Praise the Lord for sending such a good man to this place. He has done a good work here.

We are expecting to launch out in deeper waters and expect God to save more precious souls. Glad He is no respecter of persons.

Dear saints, one and all, let us nestle closer to Jesus, continue the good work and pray more for our young boys and girls. Not only those at Orlando but everywhere. Let us not get cold and careless, but be about our Father's business and do more for Him than we have in the past. There is no case too hard for Him. I've tried and proved Him true. God does hear and answer prayer. So let us pray more.

Matt. 25:6, 8, says, "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Let us be awake and on fire for God.

Your humble sister in prayer for the lost.

Mrs. Maude Futrell.

THE LORD BLESSED

ORLANDO, Fla. — Bless the Lord, Oh my soul and all that is within me. Bless His holy name.

Beloved saints, I feel like writing these few lines this morning in behalf of the young

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I like to attend Church of God meetings. I hope some Church of God people will bring a tent and come here and hold a meeting. Please pray for my husband and children.—Ella Bailey, Fayetteville, N. C.

The Church of God at Lenoir City, Tenn., wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Jennie Grimes, Nora Costner, Fan Hulston.

Addie Brooks, clerk.
J. R. Thomas, pastor.

I expect to return to Birmingham, Alabama about the 27th of this month. Any one desiring to have me hold a meeting for them please write Mrs. Sarah J. Franklin, 2350-23 St., Ensley, Ala.

Home Coming Day at Erwin Hill, Georgia

The friends and members of the Church of God at Erwin Hill, Ga., are invited to attend the Annual Home Coming Day service, the second Sunday in May. We want every member of this local Church to be present. Come! We are expecting a good time in the Lord.

There will be preaching at 11:00 a. m. We will observe the Lord's supper and feet washing in the afternoon.

J. R. Davis.

After careful consideration I have decided to discontinue the Churches at Port Huron and Bessemer, Michigan. On and after the 20th day of June 1926 they will be considered disbanded, and those desiring their membership transferred to some other Church will please notify us at once.

These Churches have not been in working order since we have had charge of the work in the state and we feel that it is useless to keep their names on our minutes any longer.

M. P. Cross, Overseer of Mich.
6251 Avery Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

place called Big River. The Lord greatly blessed. Many are looking this way. I am glad I am a member of the Church of God. Pray for me.—T. A. Wimberly.

BUSY FOR JESUS

MONROE, La.—I am glad to report victory. Have been very busy in these last days. Visited twenty-three homes, answered many calls to pray for sick, and am now having a 60 x 40 tabernacle erected at Quartz, where my dear husband was killed by the enemy. We find many churches to be erected.

Pray hard for your servant that God's will be done.

Mrs. Amelia Shumaker.

NEW CHURCH IN PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

FORISTON, Ky.—I came to this place in March and found some good saints on fire for the Lord, and their hearts were open for the truth. When they heard the Word on Church government they accepted it. Fourteen came into the Church of God.

Two preachers and several others are looking this way. A good ripe field is at this place for the Church of God. We did not have room for the people that came to hear the Word. They were surely hungry to hear the truth.

We also organized a Sunday school last Sunday with fifty-eight in attendance.

Pray that God will give me souls for my hire. I want to do my best this year. There are several other places where they want a Church set in order as soon as I can get to them.

Your brother, H. M. Bates, State Evangelist.

Working For Jesus In Maine

For many weeks I've intended to send a little message to you through our dear Evangel, but have been busy night and day since last July working for God. Husband and myself and two

daughters have a little mission too late.

We recall when Judas let his heart deceive him. He thought he could sell his Lord, and when the hour came Jesus would pass out of their midst and he would get by with the thirty pieces of silver. But when he saw the Lord submit, and condemnation set up, he threw the money down, went out and hanged himself.

2 Kings 19:10. Let not thy God deceive thee. When Judas let money become his god it deceived him, and when it was too late he became fully awakened to his mistake.

We get another sad picture in the case of Ananias, and Sapphira, his wife, when they agreed to keep back part of the price. When it was too late they saw their mistake. Be not deceived. This is a commandment. Surely there is no worse feeling than that of being deceived.

Matt. 24:4. Let no man deceive you. Surely the great Shepherd knew there would come a time of deception, when men would deceive one another.

I wonder today if there are not men who have let their love for man over-balance them, and they are laboring under deception.

One man said he was praising the Lord for giving him the light on the Church of God, and later on he said the Lord led him out of it. For awhile I could not understand both statements, how the Lord led him in the Church and out of the Church.

Then I read Psa. 125:5, As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.

Your loving sister in Christ.
Mrs. J. H. Dorsett,
Church of God Mission
110 Middle St.,
Portland, Maine

SAINTS STANDING TRUE

MARKS, Miss.—We came here three weeks ago from Drew, Mississippi. We left the saints at Cleveland, Mississippi on fire for God, and found the church at Marks which was set in order by Brother E. L. Wright, in January, moving on nicely.

How we do love men like Brother Wright and our State Overseer, Brother G. C. Dunn and State Evangelist C. G. Edwards and for all of our ministers who stand for the Church of God.

There is a small band of us and if any one wants us to help them in spare time we would be glad to hear from you.—D. S. Williams, c/o D. C. Jones, Route 1, Marks, Miss.

WORK MOVING ON FOR GOD

LENOIR CITY, Tenn.—I want to praise the Lord this afternoon for full and free salvation. I am still on victory side and the sweet presence of the Holy Ghost abides which brings peace and comfort. I can never give our Savior enough praise for His blessings to me. He is so precious to me, for He has helped me to overcome for nine years.

We have just closed a fifteen days meeting on the 22d of February. Brother J. R. Thomas, pastor, in charge. The Lord surely did bless in a wonderful way. The Word was given out with great power. Several were saved and sanctified. Eight received the Holy Ghost and eight came into the Church.

Many more precious souls are looking this way. We are having some good times in the Lord at this place. The saints are standing for the true gospel of Christ and it is not too straight for them, praise the Lord. We mean to hold on to His unchanging hand, who is able to take us through. We have a good Sunday school with seven classes. The work is moving on for God.

We covet your prayers.—Mrs. Belle Buck.

Be Not Deceived

(Continued from page 1.) when Eve was driven out of that beautiful garden with her head hung in shame, with the death sentence passed on her and a flaming sword placed to keep the way of the tree of life; her very soul was awakened to the feeling of being deceived, but

she stood by with tear stained cheeks. He sank back in despair and gloom pleading for them not to let him go, that the demons had come to carry him away. It took five men to hold him in the bed while he passed away fighting demon powers that had deceived him until it was too late to make wrongs right.

Some one said if we were honest in our belief we were all right, but Peter says for this they are willingly ignorant. Also Paul tells us that because they believe not the truth God shall send them strong delusions. See 2 Thes. 1:12. What we think about a thing doesn't make it right if it is not right.

To be deceived brings one of the most disappointing things. To place confidence in a man and then him betray you, deceives you and seems to go deeper than most any hurt.

Be not deceived. The writer no doubt had some sad experiences in writing to the Corinthians. He says, "In perils among false brethren." I fail to see why any one should want to practice deception, knowing that the same eye that was watching Achan is watching them. Finally He will pull the blanket off of them and they will have to take their dose as Achan did. Not only them but their wives and children will have to suffer on the account of their meanness.

If we are an Achan we just as well say so. If we try to dodge the issue we will deceive ourselves and some day the God of the skies will let us know that we haven't deceived Him.

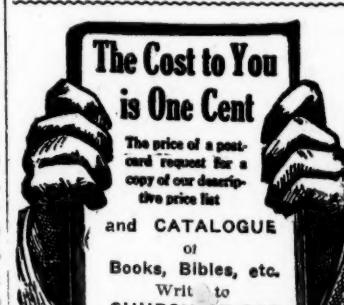
Matt. 7:22, 23. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

As they go away into gloom and despair they will wish they had been honest with themselves and God.

I was talking to a man, who said he would like to be a Christian, but he would hear preachers preach so many different ways that he did not know which one was right. I told him to read and obey the Bible and he would be right.

It is sad to think of the deception that is coming from the sacred stand. But I thank the dear Lord for the privilege of living open-hearted, so when the great rewarding day comes we will be glad with exceeding joy. Glory. I feel something now that is like heaven to me.

I will leave the subject with you dear readers. BE NOT DECEIVED.



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It has been some time since I have written but I still have the victory in my soul. I am praising the Lord because, in His infinite love and tender mercy, He has kept me under the blood and has given me that sweet peace and happiness which comes in the knowledge that my Redeemer liveth.

I am so glad we have One who will bear our sorrows and afflictions as well as our sins. I want to praise Him for his great healing power which rebukes the evil one and makes us every whit whole.

I took sick Sunday with the flu and terrible pains in my back. Some of the saints

prayed and had others to pray

no results at the time, but some

time Monday morning the pain

stopped and the fever was al

most gone, but still I was too

weak to get up. Tuesday night

several of the saints came in and

had prayer meeting. Oh how

the Lord did pour out His bles

sings upon us. The saints shout

ed and talked in tongues under

the mighty power of God, and

the Lord gave two sisters the

same song in the Spirit. God

surely did approve of our little

meeting for every one of us was

filled and thrilled with the Holy

Ghost power. As a result of this

meeting I was healed, and was

able to get up, and have been up

ever since, thank God. Oh, I

praise Him forever for His won

derful love.

How glad I am I can trust

Him with my body as well as my

soul. If we trust Him with our

souls, our most precious pos

session, then why should we

fear to trust Him with these

earthly bodies? If it is His will

He will heal us, if not it is not

far to glory and rest.

I now think of Easter, the day

we hold sacred in commemora

tion of the resurrection of our

Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

when He conquered death, hell

and the grave. Surely there was

a happy time when Jesus again

appeared to the disciples, mak

ing Himself known to them as

the One they had seen led away

by the howling mob. This was

the same Jesus who had walked

and talked with them day by

day, teaching them the way of

eternal life, which we, today,

must follow. Now they know

of a truth He was the Son of

God, and His Word true, for had

He not told them these things

should come to pass,—that He

would be put to death and

should rise again. When He

arose a victor o'er the dark do

main He destroyed the bonds of

death and opened the way into

the holiest of holies. Through

the shedding of His blood death

has lost its sting and the grave

its victory, praise His name for

ever.

I truly love the Lord with all

my heart, and I praise Him be

cause I am saved, sanctified,

baptized with the Holy Ghost,

and in the Church of God. I have

been a member of the dear old

Church of God about two years

and a half and I love her better

every day for I realize more and

more that she is the true Bible

Church, and the Bride of Christ.

When you pray please re

member the church at Marietta,

and also your sister in Christ,

Maymie Patterson, 824 Second

Street, Marietta, Ohio.

THE LORD IS OUR HEALER

I want to sound a note of

praise to God this morning

through the Evangel. First,

because Christ gives me victory

in my soul. Hallelujah. Second,

because He heals me when I am

sick. Praise His name.

I am 13 years old. I have

never tasted medicine of any

kind. I am saved, sanctified and

baptized with the precious Holy

Ghost and a member of the dear

old Church of God. I have been

a member five years and the

longer I am a member the bet

ter I love her. Praise the Lord.

I feel like traveling on.

Every one that knows the

worth of prayer, pray for me

that I will do what God wants

me to do.

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JESUS CARES FOR US

I thank and praise God for His love and care. He cares for us when we are not mindful of His tender mercies.

Last December God healed me of a severe pain in my left side. I failed to testify to it through the Evangel as I promised God I would do, and the result of my disobedience was another seige of suffering. My side began hurting me again in February, also my breast. I promised God again if He would heal me I would testify to it. Well praise God, He has healed me again.

Please pray that I may do God's will. I am not a member of the Church of God but I believe its teachings, for it is Bible. Pray that God will send some of His servants to this place.

A friend, Andersonville, Tenn.

JESUS' POWER IS SUFFICIENT

I am praising the good Lord this morning for His goodness to me and my family. I praise Him for His healing power.

In January our little girl was very sick of chills and fever, had been sick four or five weeks. Husband and I trust the Lord for the healing of our bodies, also for our children, so we prayed and had others to pray. It looked like she would get worse all the time. She continually called on us to pray and we could neither eat nor sleep.

I kept praying until God showed me that I did not have her on the altar. We were not willing to give her up. Finally one morning we told the Lord if He did not want us to keep her He could take her on. When I got willing for God to have His way He came on the scene and instantly healed her. She ate a hearty breakfast, hadn't eaten but very little in four weeks. His power is sufficient. Praise His name.

We find in Jesus all we need.

Last Easter two years ago, I

was healed of a lame leg which

had been lame seven years. He

healed husband, children and

I many times.

Pray that we will be like Jesus when He comes. Yes, we belong to the great Church of God.

Mrs. J. A. Lewis,
Mt. Myers, Fla.

Greatly Encouraged

I am still thanking God for His healing power. I have been troubled with a severe hurting in my breast for some time. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to be anointed and prayed over. When the handkerchief returned I was so interested in other sick ones that I rushed to take their mail to them and pray with them. I have never laid the handkerchief on yet, but through faith in Christ have not felt any more symptoms of my trouble.

We also trusted God when we had the flu and He healed us.

I am more encouraged to press on than ever. Pray that I may live a life that will be the means of sinners coming to Christ.

Minnie Larson, R. 1, Bx. 56,
Clay City, Ky.

RELIEVED OF SUFFERING

I want to sound a note of praise to my Saviour for His mighty healing power. He has healed my body. I suffered about six weeks. About ten minutes after I received the anointed handkerchief from Brother Rouse, I was rid of pains, and have been well ever since.

Praise God.

I praise Him for the Holy Ghost. My heart's desire is to learn more of Jesus for He is all to me. I do not see how I could live without Him.

May God bless all is my prayer.

Mrs. Earl Williams,
Inverness, Miss.

Trusts in the Great Physician

I had influenza a few days past. My husband sent Brother

Rouse a cloth to be anointed and prayed over and I was almost well when it arrived. The healing power went through my body and I was healed the minute it was put on me. I have been sick many times and never call a doctor, I look to the Great Physician and trust in Him.

God saved me sixteen months ago. He lifted me out of sin and placed my feet on higher ground. I once thought I was saved, but only had my name on a Church book. That was all there was to it. I did not have the love of Jesus.

Thank God, I am now saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I have been wonderfully blessed since I became a new creature in Christ. When I was in sin I thought I had a good time going to parties, shows and dances, but I praise God for a salvation that makes us dislike such things. I now love the works of the Lord.

I thought I was all right because I had my name on the Church book. I found my mistake when I began to read my Bible. I found out it takes something besides joining the Church, to get to heaven. I was by myself, knelt down by the fireside and began to pray and the Lord wonderfully blessed me. The neighbors were excited and came running to see what was wrong with me. They soon found out. Praise His dear name.

I love to serve Jesus. Pray that husband and I will stay humble.

A child of God, May Phipps,
Mountain City, Tenn.

A Wonderful Healer

I praise God for victory over sin since the Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

Since He saved me I have learned to trust Him for the healing of my body. He heals me, also my children when we get sick.

I was very sick and hardly knew what to do for relief of pain. I gave up to God to die as my suffering was intense. But praise God, He healed me. He is a wonderful healer. Bless His name. I feel His sweet presence now.

I have no desire to go back in sin. There is very little pleasure in this world without Christ. This world is full of sin and sorrow. Men, women and children are rapidly going to hell without hope. Oh, if they would only come to Christ. May God help them to see their lost condition is my prayer. I live a clean life before my children so they will not stumble over my acts.

I enjoy reading the Evangel as it is food for my soul.

Yours in Jesus,
Sarah Millar, Deerfield, Fla.

Once Deep in Sin—Now Saved and Healed

About six years ago I became an awful sinner. I was a moonshiner, I was ready to do most anything that was sin.

About two years ago I was struck with an awful disease. I was in the worst trouble of my life. Then I began to seek God. I didn't believe there was any chance for me, but after seeking and praying about eighteen months He gloriously saved me.

I was sitting on my seat while a number of God's people were praying. I bowed my head and began praying and God saved me. When He took my sins away I could see nothing but a clear light. Praise His holy name. I know I am saved for I have no desire for the things of the world.

I was reading in the Evangel how God is working through Brother Rouse and so many are being healed. I had an eating sore in my mouth and God healed me. I felt God's healing power go through my body. Praise His name.

I believe in a clean life. Pray that I may be faithful until the end. — George Phipps, R. 3, Mountain City, Tenn.

Healed of Different Diseases

Dear Brother Rouse: I have been intending to write for a long time. Several times I have sent

Obituaries

RASMUSSEN

On Saturday evening at 4:45 o'clock, April 17 God in all his wisdom called from our midst, Brother Torvold H. Rasmussen, born in Norway, Oct. 14, 1893. At the age of fourteen he came to America. Later he settled down in life.

In the year 1919 he gave his heart to the Lord and was saved, a few weeks later he was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. He also was a member and evangelist in the Church of God, and the Lord crowned his efforts with success.

In the month of November 1925, he came to N. Dak., but his stay there was only four months and a few days when the Lord called him home. He was loved and also proved a blessing while here.

He leaves to mourn his death a mother, three brothers, three sisters, and a host of friends. The writer officiated in the funeral service.

A precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is still. His place on earth has been left vacant. Which never can be filled.

Paul H. Walker, State Overseer, N. Dak.

TAYLOR

April 5, 1926 the death angel called Sister Artie Taylor home to be with Jesus. Her husband Daniel Taylor, preceded her to that home above July 23, 1925.

All was done for her that loving hands could do. She longed to go home to heaven. She wanted to know if the chariot was coming after her. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

She leaves to mourn her death, six children, a host of relatives and friends. Her body was laid to rest in the St. John Cemetery.

A loved one from us is gone, Yet God was in it all; Let us all trust in Jesus Till our name He will call.

Her daughter, Bertha E. Taylor, Appeal, Md.

PAIGE

The death angel visited the little town of Whittington, Ill., Apr. 3, 1926, and claimed for its victim our beloved Brother Robert Paige. He was seventy years of age.

He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Mt. Vernon, Ill. He was a soldier of the cross for a long time, working in the Baptist Church and others until he found the Church of God, which he gladly accepted. He was a minister of the Gospel and held exhorters license at the time of his death.

He was greatly devoted to God and to his family. He had been in poor health all winter and was only able to be in service here one time. But when he was here he cheered our hearts with his songs and encouraging words. He praised God for love and victory in his heart. To know him was to love him.

Funeral service was conducted by the writer, Easter morning, at the Whittington Baptist church. The building would not hold the crowd that had gathered to view the remains of the well respected brother and citizen. The many tears shed proved their love for him.

He leaves to mourn, his loving wife, several children and step-children and a brother, Joseph Paige. Also a host of other relatives and friends.

The body was laid to rest in the Oak Hill Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. We sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we are sure a crown is awaiting him. We expect to meet him again in a better place than this His pastor, John O. Yates.

CARNETT

On April 2, 1926 the death angel called away Sister Della Carnett, the loving wife of Lawrence Carnett.

She was saved while young and joined the Baptist Church. About eight years ago she was sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and joined the Church of God.

I pastored the Church where her membership was, about three years. She was always faithful in service, ready to help support the Gospel and to see to the needs of the ministers and their families.

She was sick a long time but bore her sickness with patience. As the saints would gather and sing and pray with her she would shout and talk in tongues.

Before she died she made arrangements for her funeral and suggested the songs she desired sung. She went to sleep in Jesus to await the resurrection morn when we expect to meet her again.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, four children, father, mother and a host of relatives and friends. She was a sister of Brother W. J. Milligan, pastor of the Church of God at Eldorado, Ill.

Funeral service was conducted at the home by the writer, and the body was laid to rest in the Equality Cemetery.

A loved one from us is gone A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in the home Which never can be filled.

John O. Yates, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

COLE

February 24, 1926 the dear Lord called for sweet little Pearlene Cole to go and be with Him. She was only permitted to be here with her dear mother a short while, just long enough to become so attached to her until it was heart breaking to have to give

Jesus has taken a beautiful bud, Out of our garden of love; Borne it away to that city of God, Home of the angels above.

Funeral service was conducted by T. L. McLain and his body laid to rest in the Sylar Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

His aunt, Mrs. Lillie Robinson, Oltehaw, Tenn.

CHAMBERS

On March 30, 1926 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Wolford Chambers and claimed their little infant daughter, Harriet J. L., age three months and fourteen days.

Little Harriet died of pneumonia, after an illness of about a week. Everything was done for her that loving hands could do. The writer was called to her home on the night of March 29 where prayer was offered several times. After praying and placing an Evangel upon her she was greatly relieved, but God who knoweth best took her home to be with Jesus. The funeral service was conducted by the writer and her little body was laid to rest in Eau Claire Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

She leaves to mourn her death, a father, mother and four brothers.

GIDDENS

January 30, 1926 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Lewis Giddens and claimed their darling little baby girl, Nadine Adell, age ten months. It seemed as if she suffered intensely from the time she became ill until she passed away. Prayer was offered for her time after time but the dear Lord had a divine purpose for taking her away, and we can only say look up Brother and Sister Giddens for the Lord doth all things well. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Brother Watson.

Thou hast left us precious darling Never more thy face to see Till on heavens bright shore There we will rejoice forevermore.

Live in sweet communion there Heaven's richest blessing to share; Keep looking on so that the angels may tell Little Dell that we'll be there.

One that misses her, her aunt, Mrs. Eva Fussell, Linden, Fla.

PASS

Our dear friend, Brother Benton Cleo Pass, was called home to heaven Mar. 30, 1926.

On the night of Sept. 13, 1925 he was saved and sanctified, he received the Holy Ghost the 14th, baptized in water the 20th, joined the Church of God the 27th. He was faithful and loyal to the Church until God called him home.

Thou art gone our precious brother To that home where Jesus is; And some day we expect to meet you Where there'll be no parting tears.

Oh we miss you, yes we miss you, When we meet to serve the Lord; But we know that we shall meet you If we obey God's precious Word.

Yes you've gone to be with Jesus, To that home so bright and fair; Where there's everlasting glory, And your soul is happy there.

Father, mother and brothers dear, Will you meet me over there? Sisters dear, keep true and sweet, Until we meet on the golden street.

Walter R. Anderson, Alcoa, Tenn.

HOLT

Arbie Ransome, son of Brother and Sister J. S. Holt was called to be with Jesus Mar. 27, 1926. Age two years, six months and fifteen days. He died of whooping cough. He bore his suffering patiently.

We weep not as those who have no hope, for our loss is heaven's gain. It is so lonely without him but we hope to meet him again.

He leaves father, mother, two sisters, four brothers and a host of relatives and friends. He was loved by all who knew him.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Bailey and his body laid to rest in the new home cemetery.

Sleep on little Ransome Your pain is all gone Your soul is at rest In that beautiful home.

Yes Arbie Ransome we loved you, But Jesus loved you best; And called you home to Glory To that sweet place of rest.

His mother and sister, Della and Urah Holt, Bybee, Tenn.

LOCKE

On Mar. 16, 1926 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister William Locke and claimed their darling baby, John David.

He was born Feb. 17, and departed this life Mar. 16, being two weeks and four days old. His stay on earth was short but oh how we miss him.

All was done that loving hands could do, but Jesus knew best and called him away where he would suffer no more. We loved him dearly but Jesus loved him best. We have a hope of meeting him some sweet Son's.

"This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness," (the Church of God.) Acts 7:38.

Matt. 16:18 says, "Upon this rock I will build my church."

Paul said in Col. 1:24, "Who now rejoices in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church." Praise the Lord. We know it is the Church of God.

Acts 20:28 proves the church. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." —T. W. Wimberly.

ROBINSON

On March 18, 1926 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Mat Robinson and claimed for its victim their darling baby. Age two years, six months and two days.

All was done that loving hands could do, but God in His wisdom saw fit to take little Paul to be with Him.

He leaves to mourn, father, mother, a brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Lord Blessing on the Plains

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—I want to sound a note of praise for our King and His wonderful works.

Thank God He is still blessing His children on the plains where folks say they are not civilized. He can save and no man can hinder.

We have just finished our tabernacle and God is blessing in saving souls, healing and providing. In fact, I don't see how we could get along without Jesus; He could get along without us, but we cannot make it home without Him.

Our baby has been real sick for two weeks and we have prayed and held on to God for victory and thank God at last victory has come and he is on the speedy road to recovery. He could not eat a thing, was out of his head for two weeks and it looked like every day would be the last, but our God has come with healing in His wings. Well it is just like Him, isn't it? The baby is still weak and I would like to ask all to please pray that God will give him strength as we are trusting God for all and all.

Oh how I do want to see the work in the great move on to victory and by God's family moving on she is going, as God's power is unlimited.

The Lord has given us some wonderful times here on the plains and we are looking forward to greater things for this is a ripe field and so many good folks are looking this way. Well, we all have a work to do so let us do it with all our might. We may not all be preachers, but we can be a door keeper or some other vessel, but above all we want to be a vessel of honor as a vessel unto dishonor is not worth having. We housewives do not want a lot of vessels we cannot use and are of no benefit to us or no one else. Neither does God want a lot of joiners that are no good to Him. We must keep the house of God rid of all dishonored vessels as one defiled can ruin another close by. But thank God we have the cleanest standard in the world so let us have a clean band of Holy Ghost saints and we will take the true blue out of all rubbish for the House of God.

He is survived by father, mother, three sisters and one brother. He was a jewel in the home and will be missed very much.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and his body laid to rest in the Somerset Cemetery. Brother and Sister Colyer have our sympathy.

PERRY

The death angel visited the home of Mr. Sam Colyer and claimed his son, Lance Colyer, age fifteen years, eight months and seventeen days. This young boy suffered much, but he bore his suffering with patience. The writer was with him during much of his sickness. Every time we visited him he would always smile and speak. We hope to meet him in the glory world some day.

He is survived by father, mother, three sisters and one brother. He was a jewel in the home and will be missed very much.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and his body laid to rest in the Somerset Cemetery. Brother and Sister Colyer have our sympathy.

THE JUDGMENT IS COMING —WILL YOU BE READY?

I want to say I am not ashamed of my Savior today, and have a deeper determination than ever before to go all the way with Him.

I have been living for my blessed Lord almost thirty years and have found Him ready to help me when I call upon His sweet name. Oh, how I love my dear Saviour today. You know no tongue can explain the love a Christian has, glory to His sweet name.

Beloved pray for us that we may do God's will on the plains this year as we will do our best for God. God has promised to bless if we do His will and I am determined to do His will and to fill up the gaps that are let down and do all I can to help in the work of the Lord this year. So pray for us and ask God to make us a real vessel of honor.

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